Federal League Brings Suit To Dissolve Organized Ball

Agreement Attacked as a Violation the Sherman Law.

Chicago, Jan. 5 .- The Federal League, resuming its war on organized baseball, fired to-day its heaviest gun-an anti-trust suit against the leading bodies operating under the national agreement, including the National League, the American League and the National Commission.

The suit, it is said, threatens the entire fabric of organized baseball, carrying not only the possibility that the in tricate organization be declared illegal and that the interleague agreements be disselved, but that the ten thousand ball players in major and minor leagues be declared free agents.

The bill of complaint was filed in the United States District Court for Northern Illinois, and first action on it was taken by Judge Kenesaw M. Landis, who set January 20 as the day for a hearing. Judge Landis is a devotee of an important matter of this kind or-

baseball.

The complaint asserts that the national agreement, under which organized baseball exists, was made for the purpose of so dominating players that if rengagement by clubs outside the alleged combination would be difficult, if not impossible. The action is brought under the Sherman anti-trust law.

The bill includes eleven prayers for relief, the leading ations being:

joined from continuing their con-

\$25,000" was received by the Commission from the World's National Commission from the World's Series between the Boston Nationals and the Philadelphia Americans in 1914, and that this has been added to other moneys accumulated by the National Commission, and the surplus so created has been and is being used with surpluses of the National League and the American League "for the purpose of undertaking to oppress and injure or destroy" the Federal League and its members.

Cincinnati, Jan. 5.—August Herrmann, chairman of the National Commission, in a statement in regard to the suit filed by the Federal League in Caicago to-day, said:

"An investigation or a suit of this character is something that has been invited by organized baseball, either through the courts or a committee representing Congress, for some years past, and we have every reason to believe that when the same has been tried and finished there will be an absolutely clean book for the national game.

Herrmann Fears Nothing.

We have nothing whatever to fear. Our acts-in fact, everything connected with the national agreement, the National Commission, the American and National leagues, and all of their lube. ubs are an open book and matter record. It is quite natural that in

Tener Says Suit Will Anger Fans

Harrisburg, Penn., Jan. 5,-President Tener made this statement to-day regarding the baseball suit:

legal proceedings or that the validity of the national agreement will not be upheld by the court. I only regret that, because of any exigent circum-stances, the Federal League has felt impelled to undertake to annul an agreement which the members of that league, as supporters and advocates of the national game, know full well has materially contributed to the uplift and betterment of the game and been of great benefit and protection to the players, and in its operation has given

general satisfaction to the public.
"I can hardly believe that the institution of such litigation by the Federal
League will redound to their credit or
meet with the approval of the tens of
thousands of patrons of our national
game."

First—That the tional agreement and the rules of the vational Commission be declared illegal and the defendants enjoined from operating under them.

Would Enjoin Defendants.

Second—That the defendants be declared to constitute a combination, conspiracy and monopoly in contravention of the anti-trust statutes, and that they be enjoined from further doing business as a part of said monopoly.

Third—That the defendants be declared to have conspired to injure or destroy the plaintiff's business and enjoined from continuing their conspiration of the Sherman law. I have no fear of the result of the suit."

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spiracy, particularly from saying the plaintiffs are financially irresponsible, and from threatening with "blacklist" ary players under Federal contract.

Fourth—That all contracts with players heretofore made by the defendants under the national agreement be declared, as to the plaintiffs, "null, void and of no effect," and that the defendants be enjoined from seeking to enforce such contracts against players later signed by the Federals.

Fifth—That the defendants be ordered to dismiss the various actions now pending against players.

Sixth—That they be restrained from seeking by injunctions, threats or promises to prevent other players from performing their several contracts.

Section 7 asks a preliminary injunction covering the various matters, while Sections 8 and 9 ask for damages and relief for injuries done the Federal League by its rivals. Sections 10 and 11 ask that writs of injunction

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"Baseball needs a change of government," was the comment of R. B. Ward, owner and president of the Brooklyn Tip Tops. "Mutuality in the contract between player and owner has not existed under the old order of things. The sport has been conducted in a way that denied admission to outsiders. As a matter of fact, baseball should be open to any one who desires to go in, just as any other business. The whole system is wrong, and that is why we are bringing this suit."

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and 11 ask that writs of injunction and subpremas be issued.

The text of the national agreement is appended to the bill of complaint.

Mentions War Fund.

After listing the sources of revenue of the National Commission, the bill of complaint asserts that a sum "in complaint asserts that a sum "in shows of \$25,000" was received by the complaint asserts that a sum "in shows that baseball is not a monopoly.





Only a Move for Publicity Says Ban Johnson in Commenting on

Action.

The latest effort of the Federal League will fall flat." will fall flat."
"The suit has nothing to do with us,"
declared John B. Foster, secretary of
the Giants. "The commission is well
able to take care of itself."

PLANT WINS LONG ISLAND A. C. TROPHY

Beats Kramer by a Narrow Margin for Honors for the Year.

According to the announcement of Harry Newcome, the track manager of the Long Island Athletic Club, the athletes of that club made a better show- Montclair Bowlers, However, ing during the year 1914 in open com-

petition on track and field than in 1913. The Cherry Diamond athletes scored 322 points, which is 13½ points better than the year before.

The fight for the club's point trophy was exceedingly close. William Plant, a pedestrian, won it with a total of 51 points. William J. Kramer, the former cross-country king, who has done very little in the last five months, was sec-ond, with 49½ points, and Casper Scheffer third, with 32 points. The scores of the individuals in or-

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Casper Scheffe	r 32	Ernst L. B	argdorf	5
Frank R. Plat	st 30	Burnett Br		D.
Sydney Leslie	28%	Joseph W.		4.5
George Mossler	35	Paul Fimp		257
John Morrison		Robert Wa		141
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H. Louis Scott	11	John McM.		- 3
Thomas Bown		Gus Braun		à
Donald Brown	10	George Boy	mian	- 4

COLUMBIA FIVE IN FORM Makes Short Work of Ford-

ham Basketball Team. After two weeks of rest, the Columbia basketball five came back hard against the Fordham quintet last night in a game on the Morningside Heights court, and defeated the wearers of the

Marcon by a score of 39 to 16. Dwyer, who has been out of the

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Swimming Tangle May Cause an Athletic War

New York A. C. Men Refuse the club, passed some time ago, pro to Compete at Sportsman's Show and

Maroon by a score of 39 to 16.

Dwyer, who has been out of the game so far this season because of a broken hand, was back in the line for Columbia, and played a strong game at right forward, with Kornsand at left. Calder was moved to centre, and an entire tright forward, with Kornsand at left. Calder was moved to centre, and an entire and Benson played guard for the Blue and White.

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hibiting its athletes competing in any meet promoted by clubs not affiliated with the Amateur Athletic Union pre-

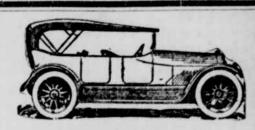
Otto H. Whale, chairman of the

several times, but which has never really occurred. The boys were willing to compete, and Arthur McAleenan, father of the diving champion, was in favor of allowing them, it was said at the Garden last night, but the rule of in similar capacities a few years ago.

Many Boxers Enter Tourney.

The amateur boxing tournament to be held under the auspices of the New York Athletic Club will start promptly

at 8:30 o'clock to-morrow night in the club gymnasium. About seventy entries have been received, including the champions. The semi-finals and final will be held on Saturday evening.



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